

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

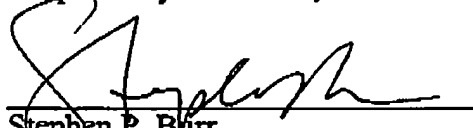
Claims 1-17 are pending herein. Substitute specification paragraphs and a rewritten Abstract have been submitted herewith to address minor matters of form only. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added.

1. Applicant appreciates the PTO indicating that claims 1-17 are allowed.
2. The objection to the Abstract is noted, but deemed moot in view of the rewritten Abstract submitted herewith. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the above objection be reconsidered and withdrawn.
3. The objection to the disclosure is noted, but deemed moot in view of the substitute specification paragraphs filed herewith. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the above objection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,



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